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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN DUTY ON APPLES AND PEARS

REF: A) STATE 98893 B) STATE 66700 C) BRAZILIA 2944

D) MALMGREN TO CLEVELAND LETTER OF AUG. 7

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RENEW REPRESENTATIONS TO GOB
ASKING FOR SEASONAL DUTY CONCESSIONS (TO 20 AD VALOREM)
ON APPLES AND PEARS FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1- DECEMBER 31.
IF NEW REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN RESPONSE TO
REF D, PLEASE REPORT RESULTS.

2. DURING SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER PERIOD, ARGENTINE EXPORTS

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HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN MINIMAL OR NON-EXISTENT. IN

ADDITION, 1973 ARGENTINE APPLE AND PEAR CROPS EXTREMELY SHORT DUE TO SEVERE FROST. TRADE REPORTS INDICATE ARGENTINE EXPORTS HAVE BEEN DRASTICALLY CURTAILED. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A.

3. AT SAME TIME 1973 U.S. APPLE AND PEAR CROPS ARE EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE AND EXPORT OUTLETS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. U.S. APPLE AND PEAR HARVEST NOW IN PROGRESS. BECAUSE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WELL IN ADVANCE, IMMEDIATE GOB ACTION IS REQUIRED IF IT IS TO BE OF HELP TO U.S. EXPORTERS.

4. SEASONAL CONCESSION WOULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO

U.S. GROWERS, WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT ARGENTINA AND COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION, ALBEIT MODEST, TO HOLDING DOWN INFLATION IN BRAZIL.

5. IF CONSIDERED PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME, EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATION MADE IN MAY CONCERNING DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF INTERNAL TAXES ON FRUIT (REFS B AND C).

6. FYI CONCESSION ON PEARS WOULD BE OF MOST VALUE
END FYI. ROGERS

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